

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Intelligence)

SUBJECT: "The Impact of the 22nd CPSU Congress on
the Communist Parties of the Free World"

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1. The attached paper, assessing the impact of the 22nd CPSU Congress and its aftermath on the Communist Parties of the Free World, [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] should be read in conjunction with the Department of State BIR study "Repercussions of the 22nd Congress" (in International Communism March 1962 ~~SECRET/NOFORN~~) which treats the same development from a different point of view.

2. The study shows that, in spite of the muting of discussion and debate within the Communist parties of the Free World, the impact of the 22nd Congress continues to preoccupy and affect the leaders of many free world Communist parties. They see that the failure to resolve existing interparty difficulties gives anti-Communists new weapons. They also see that factionalism within their parties and conflicts between the local Communist party and other Marxist-inspired parties can, in such circumstances, become serious threats to their personal positions, to party unity, and to the party's political efficiency. These pressures on Communist leaders make the need for a clear cut solution imperative, and other round of Sino-Soviet conflict therefore virtually inevitable. The study also shows that the methods currently being used by the CPSU in the Communist movement to enforce party discipline and to coordinate both policy and action are themselves key issues in the dispute.

3. Comments on the study and statements of information requirements concerning the matters treated are invited.


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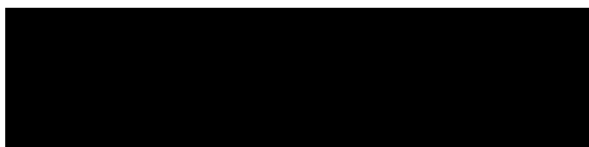
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